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Meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council held on Monday 3rd November 2008 in the Village School 7:30pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Present were	Chair C Whittington	
	V/chair Annis	
	Cllr J King	
	Cllr A Hughes	WDC Cllr McDonald
	Cllr T Meikle	Parishioners - 0
	Cllr M West	Clerk R J Coles
	Cllr J Meredith	

Apology was received from WCC Cllr Eyre.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Whittington proposed, seconded by Cllr Hughes, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 6th October 2008 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

4. FLOODING – JULY 2007 – AFTERMATH

- a) Ditches – none
- b) Highway surfaces - additional edge spraying of tarmac has taken place.
- c) Verges – none
- d) Other damages – none
- e) WDC grants of £1,050 are still being held pending additional understanding of what is going to take place around the Brook Lane area. The clerk will return the flood sheets with councillor updates to WDC.

5. POLICING – Bus Shelter has minor damage, clerk and lengthsman will address. Possible non-street lighting traffic calming at a school in Stroud is to be looked into by the clerk, Chair will provide location.

6. CHARITIES - nothing

7. VILLAGE HALL - nothing

The meeting continued as there were no parishioners present.

8. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Heathworks visibility concerns – Following interventions by Cllr Meikle and WCD Cllr McDonald, WDC are reviewing whether all the works are covered by permitted development rights.
- b) Neighbourhood Watch signage – The clerk still has to make contact with Su Miller (860201) or possibly Angela Henderson as an alternative.
- c) Village Lorries problem – Change of address, additional signage and contact with Sat-Nav mapping companies are being pursued by WCC. Cllr Hughes proposed and the meeting agreed to ask the clerk to pass on the council's thanks to WCC Cllr Eyre for all her effort and help with this problem.

9. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Cllr Hughes proposed, seconded by Chair Whittington, and the meeting agreed that the clerk should write to the housing officer at WDC stating that the request for information had not been addressed as previously requested and the possibility of a meeting with Cllr Hughes in the interim should be tabled in order to help ease the blockage. Chair Whittington proposed, seconded by V/chair Annis, and agreed by the meeting that Cllr Meikle should arrange a visit to the parish council by contacts in the 'Rural Housing Trust'. The clerk will progress.

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10. **LENGTHSMAN** – nothing

11. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S / DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

WDC Cllr McDonald referred to the following areas where his assistance had been used to help parish business; flood grant, caravan site, Heathworks, affordable housing, mixed changing facilities etc. A grant of £50 towards the Pplan had been given from his allowance at WDC for which the Parish Council expressed its thanks. Additional recycling road shows would take place at Pershore Town Hall on 12/13th November where the ability to choose bin sizes was available. There has been a trend to smaller bins for the elderly based on actual usage. An 'Roundup' newsletter had been delivered to all parishioners. A look at saving a million £ of expenditure was under way.

12. **PARISH PLAN**

After very extensive discussions on how to finalise the action plan for parish council adoption, it was proposed by Chair Whittington, seconded by V/chair Annis, and the meeting agreed that Cllr Meikle would collate all the responses from councillors and consolidate into an 'approvable' document for the next meeting. It was noted that this could prove difficult.

13. **PLANNING**

- a) **W/08/02763/PP – Mr & Mrs P Marsh, Hillside, Neigh Lane – Construct double domestic garage and change of use from conservation orchard to domestic garden.** - WDC reply required within 21 days from 23/10/08 (i.e. 13/11/08)

14. **FINANCE/PRECEPTING**

- a) Chair Whittington proposed, seconded By V/chair Annis, and the meeting agreed to approve the Bank/Balance Schedules for 03/11/08 for signature by Chair.

- b) Payments approved from above

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486	19	WLD web services	107.92
487	20	Pplan exp TM	49.35
488	21	Pplan exp RT	32.82
489	22	Clerk Sal/Bpay/All Oct	162.79

- c) The budget was inspected line by line following the Finance Group recommendations and the following additional changes were made. Chair Whittington proposed, seconded by V/chair Annis, and the meeting agreed to make permanent the council's decision to drop the membership of Community First. Cllr Meredith proposed, seconded by Chair Whittington, and the meeting agreed to cancel future membership of CPRE. Cllr Hughes proposed and the meeting agreed that CALC membership should continue but the clerk was asked to write requesting information regarding escalating costs and benefits. Chair requested that the clerk's additional terms and condition costs (holidays) should be shown as a separate line item and that the clerk would circulate information to the Chair and V/chair to consider the claim. It was also requested that the Village Hall and Church Wardens be requested to confirm the validity of the £3500 and £1000 held on their behalves. The clerk will reissue updated information for the Finance Group to consider the setting of the precept with an additional meeting of the group if necessary.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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| 1 | Comm 1 st | AGM/Newsline |
| 2 | Whub | Report – Walnut cottage |
| 3 | WDC/WCC | Events Diary 2009 |
| 4 | Whub | Report – road closure |

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5	Whub	Report – FBL ditch
6	CALC	AGM
7	WDC	Standards Committee
8	Police	Combined Equality Scheme
9	WDC et al	Homes Choice Plus
10	WCC	Minerals & Waste
11	WDC/PACT	Have your say 10/11/08
12	SWJCS	Preferred Options (separate envelope – next meeting action reqd!!)

Cllr Hughes proposed, seconded by Chair Whittington, and the meeting approved that an objection to the removal of the Village Development Boundary for Category 3 villages (i.e. Cropthorne) should be filed by the clerk.

13	Fire	Flood Safety & Business Continuity seminar 15/10/08
14	Standards	Sept 09
15	Local Govt	Making & enforcement of byelaws consultation
16	WDC	Standards training 22/10/08
17	WDC McD	Report 06/10/08
18	WCC Eyre	Report 06/10/08
19	WCC	Waste Core Strategy – Issues & Options report

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1	23/07/07	Cropthorne Parish Housing Needs Survey
2	18/04/08	Results & Report
3	08/07/08	CPC letter requesting raw data etc
4	17/07/08	WDC acknowledgement
5	09/09/08	CPC reminder
6	10/10/08	Rural Affordable Housing Guidance
7	10/10/08	Affordable Housing Supplementary
8	10/10/08	WDC Choice Based Lettings Policy
9	10/10/08	WDC response to 08/07/08 letter (no raw data etc!!)

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Parish Flood Data Sheets

16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

a) The clerk presented the proposed calendar for 2009 and this was accepted by the meeting for publication.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Cropthorne Parish Council (Precepting) is on Monday 1st December 2008 at the Village School. Any items for inclusion on the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be with the Clerk by Sunday 23rd November 2008.

Chair closed the meeting at 10:00pm.

Signed(Chair)

Date